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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the enclosed United States application for filing a national application. A copy of international application no. PCT/JP2003/010167 is also enclosed. Please enter the following amendment in the subject case.

In the Specification

1. On page 1, please amend the application to include the following:

- - Reference to Related Applications

This United States national application claims priority from JP2003-156499 filed 2 June 2003 and JP2002-239011 filed 8 August 2002. - -

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